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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 10/571,534) Examiner: Unknown
Filed: March 10, 2006) Confirmation No.: 8064
For: TREATMENT APPARATUS)

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the listed documents on the attached PTO SB/08 Form. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the listed non-English documents, Applicant provides an Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on March 2, 2010, in a counterpart Japanese application citing the listed documents and setting forth the relevance thereof. An English-language Summary of the Office Action is attached.

Applicant notes that JP 10-15006, JP 11-197200, JP 61-34924, and DE 670 160 were previously cited and provided with the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 10, 2006, and JP 2-19242 was previously cited and provided with the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 18, 2009. Since these documents have been cited and provided to the Patent Office, they are not listed on the attached Form nor are copies provided herewith.

In addition, Applicant points out that the Japanese Office Action dated July 28, 2009, submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement on September 18, 2009, also cited and discussed the relevance of JP 2-19242, JP 10-15006, JP 11-197200, JP 61-34924, and DE 670 160, and a corrected translation of the July 28, 2009 Office Action was submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed October 14, 2009.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant

reserves the right to present to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to Deposit Account 06-0916.

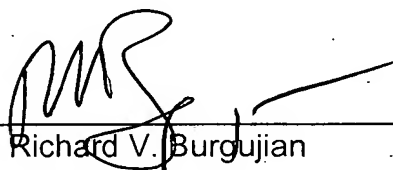
Respectfully submitted,

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